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NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers who do not get their paper are requested to call 195. The News wants every person in Palatka to get a paper every day and we will use every effort to see that it is delivered.

THIS STRIKE A BOOMERANG.

The coal miners strike was not settled through any agency of the government or legal wet nurses. In fact the agreement of the men to return to work on stipulated conditions should not be regarded as a settlement. The miners are going back to work because they know they were pulling the props from under the organization which made possible their concerted move.

Underground pressure from the American Federation of Labor is responsible for the return of the men to work. The wholesale shutting down of industries and plants, the enforced idleness of millions of men, union men and women brought home to some labor groups the effect of strikes.

In Detroit alone 400,000 men were thrown out of work last Monday when the factories failed to open. Cleveland has two hundred thousand idle, Chicago has a half million and New York and other cities have them in uncounted numbers.

When the railroads began cutting down in earnest, throwing hundreds of thousands of men out of employment, the house of cards began tumbling. Curtailed transportation curtailed manufacture curtailed manufacture curtailed employment of labor. Labor began to worry. We heard no more of demands that the trainmen were making in Washington and the very men who were making threats to strike were very much afraid they would not have to strike to enjoy a few months idleness.

The miners found that the other unions would not support them when the result of their walkout directly affected the other unions. They overshot the mark and were, no doubt, glad to get back to work on whatever pretext presented itself.

STRONG ARM MEN BUSY.

Last season the wire tapper and the pick-pocket infested Florida and reaped a harvest of thousands of dollars from unsuspecting visitors who bit readily at the bait dangled before their eyes of "sure money."

Following in the wake of the confidence man and the smooth fingered dip comes the slugger and footpad. One murder and two numerous assaults along the East Coast have already been credited to them. It is evidence that in a year the criminals, like vultures, follow their prey.

Officials in every small town and county in the state should be doubly vigilant during the winter months. Each year there is an increasing number of undesirables coming in. Several years ago California was the mecca for chugs, especially during the winter months. Stringent laws were passed against loitering, and the police either had authority or assumed it to pick up any individual on the street and make him prove his record or assumed the authority. They soon cleared the state of the criminal transients.

That is what we need in Florida. A law that will permit officers to pick up suspicious characters and turn the spot light on them. Under our present law it is a difficult matter to handle suspicious characters, and we have prated too much about personal rights, for citizens who are unworthy to enjoy citizenship. An honest man does not object to satisfying the police that he is above suspicion, its the other kind that the police should have authority to put on the rock pile.

LOCATING THE EXPOSITION.

Saturday the commission appointed to select a site for the holding of an exposition commemorating the purchase of the state of Florida will meet in Jacksonville to finally dispose of this question. To our mind the commission has had a job that the members had no knowledge of when they accepted appointment. They have been harried and harassed between two fires, or rather, three. Jacksonville and Pensacola both applied for the fair. Tampa said there should be four. When Jacksonville saw that there was little local interest the commissioner from Jacksonville declared for the four fair plan. This was against the law. So the meeting Saturday.

The only active applicants for the exposition are Palatka and Pensacola. The sole condition of circumstance which should actuate the commission is location. If Orlando or Ocala were applicants they would have far more argument than Pensacola, but not as much as Palatka because they lack transportation facilities that are available here. No city in the state would be as little suited for an exposition commemorating the Florida purchase as would Pensacola. If the commission will not select Palatka we hope they will select Jacksonville.

PREPARE AGAINST FLOODS.

Every year some section of the United States is devastated by floods from overflowing streams. The loss from such overflows mounts into millions of dollars. Government engineers have made estimates of cost of preparing against damage from such overflows, or for controlling them altogether. It seems to us that it would be a more sensible thing for states where floods are al-

most an annual occurrence, to spend a sufficient sum to control the water by dykes, levees or canals.

It would be better for residents in the Mississippi valley to spend five hundred million dollars for properly controlling the river when it floods than to lose half this amount every year from floods.

We know of instances in Georgia where farmers, owners in years past, of vast estates along the Chattahoochee river, suffered thousands and thousands of dollars in losses every year from overflowed lands which they could have prevented by throwing up levees or dykes at a cost not more than the worth of one crop in the rich lowlands.

OUR SYMPATHY, GOOD FRIEND.

All Palatka loves and reveres Colonel Robert W. Davis. After a long absence he is among us again. He comes on a sad mission, to see consecrated to earth all that is mortal of one of his children. Our heart goes out to him in this hour. Sympathy cannot assuage the heartache, but it is a comfort, we know.

There are eyes which need only to look up, to touch every chord of a breast choked by the stifling atmosphere of stiff and stagnant society, and to call forth tones which might become the accompanying music of a life. So would we raise our eyes to his.

CONFIDENCE MEN.

The Miami Metropolis of December 2nd says: "Six alleged confidence men were arrested in Jacksonville the other day. They are 'headin' south' in droves these days. You can see them in Miami every day now."

Well, we should say so, Miami is full of confidence men. In fact, the entire State of Florida is full of them - and women, too. They have confidence in Miami and in Florida and are looking for suitable locations for industries, farms and homes. And time will prove their confidence well placed.

Watch your wood pile tonight.

The annual Sun dance at Palm Beach will be held in March. The sun dance will be held continuously.

The Miami Herald thinks that one reason for the shortage in paper is the number of notes sent to Mexico.

Carranza just sits and lets us worry. Shrewd old duck. We will get tired after awhile and forget Carranza. Then he will jab us again. Manana.

Hog killing time tomorrow. Used to mean lots to the editor. No more. Hogs too high. Editor too low. Terrible.

If Palatka gets the exposition and takes on the growth that will follow we are afraid some of our deep rooted citizens will be rudely disturbed at their moorings.

Tax drivers clamor for high rates, is a headline in the Palm Beach Post. We thought they had already gone so high that the top was not in sight.

Buy Red Cross seals for your Christmas package. They make it look so much more like Santa Clause and stamps the sender as a man or woman with a heart.

Each year the tourist hotels open earlier. Now it is announced that the Palm Beach resorts will open before Christmas. We expect to see all Florida tourist hotels open on December 1 in the next few years.

The Tampa Tribune hopes that "the Hon. William J. E. will have more success in putting prohibition over the top than he had in three attempts to lift himself into the presidency." We do not believe it.

This cold weather will turn oranges yellow

So they'll have a better sale;

It'll make our nose blue and cheeks red

So's we won't be quite so pale.

(Said to have been one of Thorne's early efforts.)

There is a broken place in the pane back of us and we feel a stream of cold air pouring in on the back of our editorial neck. We pass this information on as a more accurate forecast than those we have been receiving recently from the weather bureau. There will be need for kindling in the morning, also red f....s.

WITH OTHER EDITORS.

BE AN OPTIMIST.

In times of unrest and depression, as such times will come, there is a natural tendency toward pessimism. This manifests itself in expressions of fear and forebodings as to what the future has in store; fault is found with actions of those in authority and there are mutterings to the effect that "the country is going to the dogs."

But history is just repeating itself, and we need only to look back to the ending of the Civil War for proof thereof. Lincoln was lying dead in the national capital, the victim of an assassin, and throughout the land, in the North as well as in the South, there was gloom verging upon despair.

At this juncture a message of encouragement rang out in New York City. It was the message of Gen. James A. Garfield to a great throng, excited and maddened by the murder of Lincoln: "Follow citizens, God reigns, and the government at Washington still lives. And all over the land Garfield's words had a stimulating effect. The people resumed their tasks, the statesmen took a firmer grip on their duties, and in the course of time the shadows that had overspread the nation gave way to sunshine.

As it was in the past, so it is today. The ending of a dreadful war has been followed by unrest and forebodings and mutterings, and a small disturbing element has made trouble for millions of law-abiding people. But in 1919, as in 1865, "God reigns, and the government at Washington still lives. The disturbers are but a handful as compared with the millions who so recently and so gloriously fought for their country, and who will gloriously fight again, if the necessity should arise. And at the national capital in all the state capitals, in all the courts, there are statesmen and jurists who will sustain the right, and who in due time will find a remedy for all the troubles. So help the great work along by holding up the hands of those chosen by the people as leaders and as instructors.

Do not be a knocker! Be a helper! Be an optimist!—Tampa Tribune.

MIRACLE MAN HOLDS LOCAL FAN INTEREST

GREAT PHOTO-PLAY EXPECTED TO BREAK RECORDS HERE.

No Picture Has Ever Had Same Drawing Power—To Be shown Two Days.

Never has Palatka exhibited the same degrees of interest in a photo-play as is being displayed in the coming of "The Miracle Man, which comes to The Arcade tomorrow and Saturday, matinees and evening.

Everybody has heard of the great picture. People who have seen it elsewhere declare that they are more anxious now than ever to see it again. It has been acclaimed by press, pulpit, public and press as the greatest film ever made, embracing as it does, all of the possibilities of the directors' craftsmanship.

"The Miracle Man is a picture that crowds into one subject more experiences, good and bad, than most people know in a lifetime.

The story begins in New York's Chinatown, where the gang of clever crooks, the Frog, the Dope, Tom Burke, and his girl, Rose, conduct a thriving business of fleecing unwary slummers. During the course of their practice Burke comes across a newspaper story of an old man in the hills, who, by wonderful faith is able to cure the ills of his fellow-townsmen. Burke sees in the help of his pals forms a plan whereby he can get easy pickings from those who go to the old man for help.

Rose, assuming the role of sweet innocence, pretends to be a distant relative of the Patriarch and goes to live in his cottage. The Frog, a counterfeit cripple, crawls to the healer, untwists himself before a gaping crowd, and walks. Through the comings of the Frog a number of real patients are influenced and money flows into the coffers of Burke.

Strange as it may seem the power of the Patriarch's wonderful faith works a change in the hearts of Burke's followers and before the end regenerates Burke himself, changing his greedy avarice to complete unselfishness.

The ending of The Miracle Man is just as picture audiences would have it. An impression that the story is a worth-while sermon as well as an unusual entertainment is indelibly stamped on the minds of the auditors. The work that George Loane Tucker has put into The Miracle Man marks him as a genius in the world of producing and makes his latest work a really great production.

Although a great number of theaters throughout the United States are charging from one to two dollars admission to see The Miracle Man, the prices in this city will be much lower. Children will be admitted for twenty cents at Matinee and adult tickets will cost 35 cents at Matinees. Night prices will be 25 and 50 cents.

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